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## **RP-US MARINES PROVIDE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES IN CAVITE**

The Philippine and United States Marine Corps joined hands in extending healthcare services to the constituents of Ternate in Cavite in a three-day Medical-Dental Civic Action Program as part of the humanitarian activities of the Balikatan Exercise 2010.

Today, more than 200 residents of Barangay San Juan enjoyed medical and dental assistance from the MEDCAP-DENCAP Team composed of 65 US Marines and 45 Philippine Marines. The said event was held from 12 noon until 5 'o clock in the afternoon at the San Juan Elementary School.

Mrs. Maria Zuriada Camantique, the principal of the host school said that the services which they received today will never be forgotten. She said they are happy that the Marines are concerned of the welfare of the civilian people especially nowadays that the Filipinos are struggling with health problems due to economic constraints and climate change.

The same team of Marines will provide the same healthcare services in Barangay San Jose on March 9 and in Barangay Poblacion on March 10.

The Balikatan 2010 is the 26<sup>th</sup> in a series of bilateral exercises conducted every year to serve as a venue for joint and combined training between the Philippine and United States militaries. The joint military exercise focuses also on revitalizing the interoperability of the Philippines and US militaries in post conflict response through the conduct of disaster rehabilitation and rural development projects.